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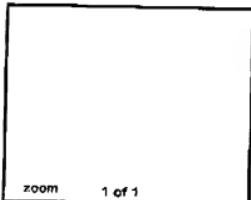
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90637 Micro particles based on melamine resin

Fluka size: 2 μm



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Synonym

Melamine-formaldehyde resin

MDL number

Size standards
MFC000197912

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For every lot, exact values of particle size and standard deviation are determined with an accuracy of 0.01 μm using a Coulter Multisizer.

Density: 1.61 g/cm³

Heat resistance <300 °C

Chemical resistance: acids, bases, organic solvents.

Monodispers melamin resin particles are characterized by high uniformity and narrow size distribution. They carry functional methylol groups, which can be used for covalent coupling of biological active compounds. Modifications by insertion of additional functional groups (e.g. carboxyl or hydroxy groups) are possible and can be made on request (contact your local representative).

Additional advantages of melamin resin particles are:

- hydrophilic surfaces
- high degree of cross linking and high pressure resistance
- long term stability in aqueous media (freezing and thawing does not damage them)
- lyophilization and resuspension in aqueous media does not damage them (powders are available on request)
- no swelling in organic solvents

Other Notes

Template for preparing hollow spheres by self-organized deposition of nanoparticles. The MF core dissolves at a pH below 1.6¹

Properties**form**

suspension (aqueous)

concentration

10% (solids)

particle size2 μm std dev <0.1 μm , coeff var <3%

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